IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-42 (Canceled).

Claims 43-53 (Withdrawn).

Claims 54-55 (Canceled).

Claim 56 (Currently Amended):   The computer implemented system of claim 65, wherein:

said ~~first~~ computer program module searches a desired grouping of inventions having at least one common feature prior to selecting said at least one invention.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented):   The computer implemented system according to claim 56, wherein:

said at least one common feature is one of a Standard Industrial Classification code and a North American Industry Classification System code.

Claims 58-59 (Canceled).

Claim 60 (Currently Amended):   The computer implemented system according to claim 65, wherein:

said at least one ~~data base~~ database further includes at least one confidential information description of said inventions, respectively.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended):   The computer implemented system according to claim 60, including:

a third computer program module operable to provide said one confidential information description to be viewable only by selected ones of said industry computer stations.

Claims 62-64 (Canceled).

Claim 65 (Currently Amended):   A   computer   implemented   system   promoting ~~existing~~ inventions over the Internet communications network, the system comprising:

a   host   computer   station   constituting   an   Internet   domain   site   connected   to   said communications network and having a ~~data base~~ <u>database</u> with stored descriptions of respective inventions and their distinctive features;

<u>a publicly accessible interface in communication with the host computer station and in communication with</u> plural consumer computer stations ~~operatively and interactively connected over~~ <u>via</u> the <u>communications</u> network ~~with said host computer~~;

a <u>first</u> computer program module <u>at said host computer station</u> selecting at least one of said inventions by reference to the stored invention descriptions and distinctive features for viewing at said plural consumer computer stations and thereafter ~~providing~~ <u>receiving</u> feedback data relating to a consumer desirability of the selected inventions, wherein said <u>first</u> computer program module includes a survey module eliciting said feedback data from multiple users of the consumer computer stations by posing one or more questions to said users regarding said consumer desirability <u>of products incorporating the selected inventions</u> and consolidating their responses;

a <u>second</u> computer program module ~~forwarding~~ <u>receiving</u> said consolidated responses [[to]] <u>at</u> said host computer station to provide an information summary of the consumer desirability for the respective selected inventions;

<u>a restricted access interface in communication with the host computer station and in communication with</u> plural industry computer stations ~~operatively and interactively connected over~~ <u>via</u> the <u>communications</u> network ~~with said host computer and~~<u>, wherein users of said</u>

industry computer stations are specifically identified by said host computer station as authorized to access said information summary; and

a computer program module transferring said information summary to said authorized industry computer stations but not to said consumer computer stations.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended):   A computer implemented system for obtaining informed consumer opinions over a communications network regarding the commercial attractiveness of ~~existing~~ customer inventions, comprising:

a host computer station connected to said communications network and having a ~~data base~~ database storing identification of customers and descriptions of respective inventions of said customers, including distinctive features of said inventions;

a publicly accessible interface in communication with the host computer station and in communication with plural customer computer stations ~~operatively and interactively connected over~~ via the communications network ~~with said host computer station~~, the users of said customer computer stations being customers who own respective proprietary interests in said inventions;

the publicly accessible interface being in communication with the host computer station and in communication with plural consumer computer stations ~~operatively and interactively connected over~~ via the communications network ~~with said host computer station, the~~ users of said consumer computer stations being consumers who constitute potential purchasers of products incorporating said inventions;

a first computer program module enabling ~~each of said customers to transmit their~~ respective customer identifications and descriptions of their inventions, including the distinctive features of said inventions, from each of said customers to be received and stored in said ~~data base~~ database;

a second computer program module (i) enabling access by said consumers at said plural consumer computer stations to said inventions by reference to the stored invention description, (ii) thereafter ~~providing~~ <u>receiving</u> feedback data relating to a commercial attractiveness of <u>products incorporating</u> the selected inventions, said second computer program module including a survey module eliciting said feedback data from multiple ones of the consumer computer stations by posing one or more questions <u>regarding said commercial attractiveness of products incorporating the selected inventions</u> and responding to answers thereto constituting such feedback data, and (iii) thereafter consolidating said answers to provide respective information summaries regarding the commercial attractiveness of the selected inventions; ~~and~~

a third computer program module ~~forwarding~~ <u>receiving</u> said information summaries [[to]] <u>at</u> said host computer station for storage in ~~a data base~~ <u>the database;</u>

<u>a restricted access interface in communication with the host computer station and in communication with plural industry computer stations via the communications network, users of said industry computer stations being involved with commercial transactions regarding said inventions, wherein the users of said industry computer stations are specifically identified by said host computer station as authorized to access said information summaries; and</u>

<u>a fourth computer program module transferring said information summaries to said industry computer stations but not to said consumer computer stations</u>.

Claim 67 (Canceled).

Claim 68 (Currently Amended):   The computer implemented system of Claim 66 in which said first computer program module additionally enables the storage in said ~~data base~~ <u>database</u> of information pertaining to the legal protection status of said inventions.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended):   A   computer   implemented   system   promoting ~~existing~~ inventions over the Internet communications network, the system comprising:

a host computer station connected to said <u>communications</u> network and having a ~~data base~~ <u>database</u> with stored invention information, including confidential invention information and non-confidential invention information;

<u>a restricted access interface in communication with the host computer station and in communication with</u> at least one industry computer station ~~operatively connected over~~ <u>via</u> the <u>communications</u> network ~~with said host computer~~;

a computer program enrollment module enrolling an industry representative user of said industry computer station as an industry representative wishing to access the confidential invention information, wherein said enrollment module conditions such access upon the industry representative executing a confidentiality agreement regarding the confidential invention information; and

a computer program invention disclosure module selectively granting the industry representative user access to said confidential invention information upon execution by the industry representative user of the confidentiality agreement <u>but not to other users</u>.